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SUBJ: ROMANIAN OIL IMPORTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION
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1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ROMANIA IMPORTED 1 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE OIL FROM USSR IN 1977. THIS REPRESENTS 12.5 PERCENT OF TOTAL GOR 1977 OIL IMPORTS OF 8 MILLION TONS. INFORMATION INITIALLY GIVEN TO EMBOFFS BY GENERAL MANAGER IOAN DAVID OF FTO PETROLEXPOR AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY SOVIET COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVE VOLKOV. DAVID ALSO MENTIONED 1976 IMPORTS FROM USSR TOTALED 250 THOUSAND TONS.

2. CONCERNING PRICE, DAVID SAID THAT ROMANIANS APID WORLD
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PRICE FOR SOVIET CRUDE OIL. FOR HIS PART, VOLKOV SIMPLY STATED OIL SOLD FOR HARD CURRENCY AND PURCHASE WAS OUTSIDE BILATERAL TRADE PROTOCOL. ACCORDING TO VOLKOV, CRUDE OIL SALE TO GOR WAS NOT PLANNED AND ONLY MADE POSSIBLE BY "UNEXPECTED AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS OIL" IN USSR. (BY VISITING USDOC OFFICIAL, WE WERE ALSO TOLD THAT SOVIETS HAD EXPORTABLE OIL SURPLUS IN 1977 WHICH THEY WERE UNABLE TO

SELL TO US COMPANIES.)

3. COMMENT. GOR HAS APPARENTLY NOT GOTTEN THEIR HOUSE IN ORDER IN TERMS OF WHAT OUTSIDERS SHOULD BE TOLD REGARDING PURCHASES OF SOVIET CRUDE OIL. ON JANUARY 11, GOR CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR VASILE PUNGAN TOLD VISITING SENATOR STEVENSON AND AMBASSADOR THAT GOR IMPORTS NO OIL FROM USSR. WE SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT 250 THOUSAND TON FIGURE FOR 1976 OIL IMPORTS FROM USSR GIVEN PARA 1 IS SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER (17 PERCENT) THAN FIGURE OF 209 THOUSAND TONS CITED PREVIOUSLY BY ROMANIAN FOREIGN TRADE BANK OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS VOLKOV (SEE REFTEL).
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